

Volunteering at the Hayward Animal Shelter

Volunteers give many reasons for enjoying their work at the Hayward Animal Shelter:

- “The animals deserve all the human kindness they can get and it’s a thrill to play a part in getting them adopted.”
- “Whether the animals get adopted or not, I like to think I’ve improved the quality of their lives while they were with us.”

Other reasons people might choose to do this kind of volunteer work include to:

- receive the personal satisfaction of helping animals and other people
- make use of their talents and abilities
- learn new skills
- explore career options
- stimulate new friendships and contacts
- enlarge their personal world
- increase physical activity/fitness

Volunteer Opportunities include:

Pet Pal

Dog Pet Pals walk and play with the dogs.

Cat Pet Pals socialize and play with the cats and kittens.

Small Animal Pet Pals socialize with rabbits, guinea pigs and other small animals.

Kennel Assistant

Assist with the care of the animals by cleaning, feeding and performing support duties such as laundry, washing dishes and litter pans.

Grooming

Bathe and brush animals to make them more comfortable and adoptable.

Foster

Temporarily house pets at your home to give them special care until they are adoptable. Examples include: underage kittens or puppies; sick or injured cats or dogs; dogs with behavioral problems.

Adoption Outreach

Showcase cats, dogs and other small animals at offsite locations.

Community Outreach/Special Events

Provide information on responsible pet ownership at adoption outreach programs, fundraisers, and community events.

Adoption Counseling

Assist our customers in adopting the right pet for their lifestyle.

Lost and Found

Assist customers who are looking for a lost pet.

Pet Adoption Website Volunteer

Photograph animals and post on two adoption web sites.

Humane Educator

Present educational programs and workshops to children, to teach them compassion, respect and responsibility towards animals.

Clerical Assistant

Answer phones, file, photocopy, and stuff envelopes, help customers.